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STATEMENT REQUIRED TO INVOKE PRIOR ART DISQUALIFICATION UNDER THE CREATE ACT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 Sir:

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. $\S103(c)(2)(A)$, 35 U.S.C. $\S103(c)(2)(B)$, 37 C.F.R. $\S1.104(c)(4)(i)(A)$, 37 C.F.R. $\S1.104(c)(4)(i)(B)$, and MPEP $\S706.02(l)(2)$, Applicants provide the following statement:

The claimed invention and the subject matter of U.S. Patent 6,965,198 was made by or on behalf of parties to a joint research agreement that was in effect on or before the date the claimed invention was made.

The claimed invention was made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of the joint research agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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